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Sherry Young photo

Ready for take-off

Four lucky passengers got a bird's-eye view of their community on Wednesday during their flight in the STARS helicopter. Left to right are Kali Cousins, Jeffrey Young, Tyler Ockerman and Sherry Wladecka, as they prepared to climb aboard the big red bird for the early morning excursion.

STARS tops \$100,000 in support

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

From the first pancake to be poured on the griddle around 7:00 a.m., last Wednesday to the last of an incredible number of door prize draws more than 12 hours later, the Elk Point Emergency Services Golf Tournament was another huge success, with the donations raised putting Elk Point over the \$100,000 total for contributions to STARS over the seven years.

STARS representatives Greg Cars and Karen Frost were on hand to welcome golfers and the public to the first-ever pancake breakfast held in conjunction with the event. Cars called the Elk Point tournament "one of the best examples of community involvement we have," while Frost, STARS general base manager, said she "wanted to be here to express our appreciation." Both agreed that the yearly fundraiser "really isn't about the money. It's about community support."

An early morning example was the ride in the STARS helicopter, with four seats going to winners of a fundraising draw organized by Elk Point Health Centre staff, and the fifth auctioned off by Cars and Frost for a whopping \$1,400, with all the proceeds going directly to STARS.

A huge crowd of golfers and community spectators were on hand to see Kali Cousins, Sherry Wladecka, Jeffrey and Sherry Young and Tyler and Cathy Ockerman lift off in the big, red bird, before action moved to the Elk Point Golf and Country Club, where a full roster of golfers was eager to tee off.

Sunburns and mosquito bites were forgotten at the end of the day as the golfers divided their attention between a succulent steak supper and the Oilers - Hurricanes game on a pair of big screen televisions.

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Shop Local campaign gets off to a good start

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Shop Local campaign is off to a good start, according to committee member Loree Aarbo. She reported at last week's meeting that the Employee and Staff Recognition Night was "very well received. All the employees were very pleased with their little green cards."

The cards, which may be presented at any of the 15 businesses listed on the back for a five per cent discount on purchases, were distributed to "a huge work force" over 800 employees of member businesses, Aarbo said, and "everybody's excited about them."

She feels the discount cards are "a great marketing tool for the chamber, and we may want to consider expanding on this initiative."

Aarbo delivered over 280 cards to one business which has "a lot of employees who don't live here, but they're coming here to shop because of the cards."

Draw boxes for the annual Shop Local contest have been distributed to member businesses, but chamber president Sandy Smith said she was a bit disappointed when she was out shopping.

"I was at three different businesses which had draw boxes, and not one single

employee asked me to enter the draw. We need to have our front people involved," she said.

While the discount cards and Shop Local draws are incentive to shop in Elk Point, chamber vice-president Steve Srdic said the long-term goal is encouraging people to shop here in the long term.

"Local businesses have to consider their competition and price their merchandise accordingly," he said, noting that supporting local business is "a state of mind, and Shop Local alone won't do it."

Shirley Harms agreed. "Selection, competitors and pricing are things we must try to address."

Auto Show and Shine

Harms also suggested that "we need to do something for Main Street" on the first weekend of June each year, now that Elk Point Auto Club has relocated their Show and Shine to the Iron Horse Trail staging area. She felt this year's show was "disjointed" from the business community, but acknowledged that planning something to fill the show's previous location was "something we need to do ourselves."

The show was moved to the new site because of various factors, Smith said, with many visitors expressing their approval of the change. "I think it's a good area for it," she said.

There were fewer garage sales this year, and their locations were listed in the first-ever Shop Local flyer, rather than in the newspaper ad, which may have caused some confusion because the flyers were placed in mailboxes rather than in the papers.

Energy Sector

The Salute to the Energy Sector was "done very well," economic development officer Thomas Kondla told the chamber. "I'd like to give Loree [Aarbo] a big hand for all her effort. If we do it again, we definitely need more help."

Kondla said "the people who came were in awe" of the pleasant surroundings and atmosphere Aarbo and the other volunteers created.

Aarbo said the oil company representatives who attended were "extremely happy. We achieved what we wanted to achieve."

Train Station

Aarbo and Dwayne Yaremkevich displayed the latest version of plans for the train station.

The basement level will now contain art and pottery studios, which Aarbo says has new chamber member Cecilia DeSilva, who plans to offer courses there, "very excited. They will be an added attraction, and will mean that every part of the building will pay for itself." Another plus is that grants are

available for art centres, she said.

She pointed out the kitchenettes attached to both the main floor great room and the upstairs boardroom, and the location of a lift that will make the entire building wheelchair accessible. A few revisions to the plan were suggested, to streamline accessibility for caterers, etc.

"The next step," Yaremkevich said, "is once the revisions are made, to get it priced out, ready for construction to begin."

Canada Day Breakfast

The Chamber will once again host their traditional Canada Day breakfast, with a budget approved to cover the entertainment. As usual, volunteers are needed for the breakfast.

Day Care Needed

The need for day care in the community was brought forward, and Kondla noted that this had been brought up in one of the focus group sessions that followed the community development SWOT sessions.

"It's a common concern. The business retention group identified the need." He said both family day homes and day care facilities were mentioned at that time. The FCSS has advertised for day home providers, but Kondla suggested another way to get the word out about the need for childcare. "Why aren't we advertising through the school newsletters?"

West Nile virus is still a seasonal concern for area

By JANICE POITRAS
Staff Writer

As the third season of West Nile virus begins, the provincial government is reminding Albertans to take precautions to help decrease the risk of infection in humans and animals.

"We don't want people going berserk," says David May, spokesperson for Alberta Environment, but taking basic precautions is recommended by the government.

In 2003, 275 people were infected with the West Nile virus. Last year, only 10 human cases were reported, and three of the 10 cases were contracted outside of Alberta, according to a press release from the provincial government.

And, although the number of human infections has seen a sharp decrease in numbers since 2003, bird surveillance and mosquito trapping is still being done in some parts of the province.

Northeastern Alberta is not an area

where trapping or surveillance will be happening, unless "a change of tactics" is needed, says May.

The Culex tarsalis is, "to the best of our knowledge," the only mosquito that carries the virus, explains May. Southeastern Alberta is a "high-risk" area for the Culex tarsalis mosquito, and that is where precautions are being taken, he adds.

"If you're looking for the enemy and your spies tell you your enemy is in south-east Alberta, you're not going to send your troops to northeast Alberta," says May about why surveillance is not being done around St. Paul.

And, because the Culex tarsalis mosquito is an insect that has migrated from Africa, it is an insect that is drawn to a warmer climate. But, the insect can still find warm places to live and reproduce in other parts of the province.

Tires with stagnant water are perfect breeding grounds for the insect, says May.

The black of the tire allows for darkness, and also attracts heat to keep the insect warm.

The mosquito "lays its eggs and develops in shallow pools of warm, sunlit standing water," according to the Alberta Environment website, which recommends people properly manage standing water on private property as much as possible.

Birdbaths, watering dishes for pets, non-chlorinated pools, plastic tarps, buckets, and rain gutters are all items found in countless yards, and are potential breeding grounds for the mosquitoes, says the website.

"Personal protective measures, such as using an insect repellent containing DEET, when outdoors is the best protection against West Nile virus," says Dr. Karen Grimsrud, in the provincial press release.

"Primarily what we're looking at here is the health risk," says May. This is why Alberta Health will be launching a public awareness campaign informing Albertans about precautions to take to avoid the West Nile virus as best as possible.

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural

Development would also like to remind horse owners that West Nile virus infections are still reportable in Alberta. Vaccinations and other preventative measures are recommended to horse owners.

If birds are found dead of an unknown cause, people are asked to dispose of the bird using gloves or plastic bags, says the press release. The carcass can then be placed in a regular household waste container.

The number of West Nile cases expected this year is "quite unpredictable," says May. The number of mosquitoes in Alberta is tied to weather patterns, he explains. And, typically Alberta Environment follows those weather patterns to predict the occurrence of the virus and the increase of mosquitoes that could potentially carry the virus.

A detailed list of tips and information about the West Nile virus can be accessed online at www.gov.ab.ca/env/resedu/mosquito.cfm. A copy of the province's response plan to West Nile virus can also be accessed via the Internet at www.fightthebite.info.

Sorry, photos not available

We're sorry to report that photos from the Elk Point Emergency Services Golf Tournament, along with all those taken at Seniors' Week activities, are not available.

We had a major camera malfunction, at the end of the District 4-H show, losing photos of Grand and Reserve steers, and were

not aware that the equipment was not working until our films turned out to be blank when they were developed.

A huge thanks to Sherry Young for providing our front page picture. If anyone has other photos from the golf tournament that they would like to share with us, we would be

happy to run them next week.

Also, if anyone has photos of Seniors' Week events, we would be happy to run those as well, as space permits.

Photos may be e-mailed in jpeg format to vbroomer@stpaul.greatwest.ca or dropped off at the Review office.

STARS tournament passes \$100,000

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The golfers had a much more productive outcome than the Oilers, with many of them carrying home merchandise prizes and all receiving commemorative tankards and golf shirts with the tournament logo.

This year's low score went to the Wilter Automotive team, made up of Steve Penz, Scott Penz,

Rick Kiziak, Pete Stafford and Tyson Stafford, while the Elk Point Ambulance and Elk Point Health Centre teams tied for high score. One of the Health Centre golfers, Sue DeSilva, also took home the biggest prize of the day, winning the draw for one of the big-screen TVs.

Mayor Parrish Tung accepted a very special

award on behalf of the Town of Elk Point during the presentations. Frost presented him with a plaque recognizing the community's contribution of more than \$100,000 in support.

"The kind of help that comes out of this community is what keeps STARS in the sky," Frost said. Sometimes the members of the STARS team are regarded as heroes, she noted, but in this case, "it's the community that is a big hero. We want to convey our appreciation and our congratulations on reaching such a milestone in such a short time." She said usually, towns raise from \$5,000 to \$10,000 with this type of tournament, but Elk Point's totals have far exceeded those amounts.

"These people are coming out, not just for a traditional game of golf, but to support STARS. The spirit of what STARS stands for is in this community."

Frost thanked the community for their outstanding support, through donations of prizes and silent auction items as well as registrations in the tournament. She added special thanks to Fred Lambright, "who has been my direct contact for the last few years." Frost golfed in the tournament and said, "it is my absolute pleasure to be here."

Tung thanked STARS for the recognition, and paid tribute to the volunteers and golfers for their part in reaching the milestone.

The mayor was also happy to announce that approval has been given for a new helipad adjacent to the health centre, with tenders for that project closing this week.



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STARS Steer Raffle: A special thank you to the families of the Goodridge Beef, St. Lina Beef, St. Paul Light Horse and St. Paul Multi Clubs as well as all local businesses for assisting with ticket sales throughout the year. **1st Prize:** Leah Bury (1/2 beef) - who then donated it back to be auctioned. Buyer of the 1/2 beef was Extreme Oilfield; **2nd & 3rd Prizes:** Keith Bombay & Olga Ockerman (1/4 beef each). **Ticket Sales Totalled:** \$7,712. **Donation from Auction:** \$800. **Total Donation to STARS:** \$8,512. Thank you to all who purchased tickets in support of STARS. Extended thank you to Nigel and Kandus LaFrance of Tags/K&N Liquor, Don & Diane Heathcote, Vermilion Packers & Elk Point Co-op for all their contributions.

Third try's a charm for Elk Point FCSS Attitude Check and Change program

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It has taken at least three years and three rounds of grant applications, but finally Elk Point Family and Community Support Services can go ahead with their Elk Point Family Violence and Bullying Attitude Check and Change program.

FCSS director Deanna Easthope says the first application was made to the provincial Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying community incentive fund, and when that was turned down, she applied to the University of Calgary's Prairie Action Foundation, but again was

turned down.

"The third time, when we applied for an Alberta Community Crime Prevention grant, we and references, we had the RCMP as a partner, and MLA Ray Danyluk made a difference," Easthope says.

Approval for their \$4,000 grant has kindled new enthusiasm for the committee, which in the planning stages of their program.

Easthope just returned from a conference entitled, "Becoming the Change We Want to See, which was put on by the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities, and plans to report on her findings to the committee.

The committee "started from square one," and declared an intention to "prove we had an issue, then try and change it."

When Rev. Dale Lang visited Elk Point in mid-February, Easthope says, "we did surveys with the Grade 7, 9 and 10 health classes, as well as with the adults who attended the evening session." The results were startling: 88 per cent and 71 per cent of the two classes of Grade 7 students, 86 per cent of the Grade 9s and 92 per cent of the Grade 10s said they knew of occurrences of bullying and/or family violence, while just over half of the adults surveyed also replied in the affirmative.

"The percentages were definitely high enough for us to know there is a concern."

One of the initiatives the committee hoped to pursue was to bring in speaker Dennis Parker from Minnesota, who would work with schools, teachers, students and parents. While the Alberta government grant would only cover Canadian speakers, two other funding sources have been found which will cover the cost of Parker's presentation: a \$3,800 grant from the Community Partnership Enhancement Fund and an additional \$2,000 from Elk Point Further Education.

Easthope is also on St. Paul's

anti-bullying committee, and says, "we're partnering with them, too."

The long wait for funding has seen incidents of bullying increase in the community, Easthope says, to the point that some parents feel it is unsafe to send their children outside to play without adult supervision.

"What's exciting is, we now have the money, and we can do something about it."

Elk Point's is one of 33 community crime prevention programs to share in a total of \$560,000 from the Alberta government aimed at promoting safer communities across the province.

Bursary incentive for rural post-secondary students

By KRISTI PATTON
Staff Writer

A new three-year joint program between the Government of Alberta and the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation has been announced to help rural Alberta students who are traditionally under-represented in post-secondary education.

Beginning this fall 8,100 post-secondary students from rural Alberta will be eligible to receive \$1,000 each in Millennium Alberta Rural Incentive Bursaries. First and second year post-secondary students who live outside Edmonton, Calgary, St. Albert, and Sherwood Park who qualify for Alberta student aid can be considered for the bursary," said Andrew Parkin, Millennium Foundation director of research and program development. "There are a variety of things that effect people differently. For some people it will be distance to the institution or the extra costs of travel and living away from home and family."

Parkin said there are a number of different barriers which keep rural students from attending post-secondary. Using statistics from the Census and working with the government brought the focus to give an incentive bursary to increase attendance and help rural people get schooling.

"Some of the people may have families with less of a background to have gone to university or college and with maybe not much family pressure to go, or it can be a question of a family income."

The bursary was announced May 17 at the Red Deer College and will be available to students for the upcoming fall semester.

"Rural Albertans face unique challenges as they embark on their studies at college, university or technical school," said the

Foundation's executive director and chief executive officer Norman Riddell in a press release.

"By providing cash grants to assist rural students in overcoming these challenges, this program encourages their participation in post-secondary education, which will help them acquire the knowledge and skills demanded by a rapidly changing economy and society."

Riddell said a study how the grant affects their capacity to access and compete their studies. Students must be enrolled full-time in a program of undergraduate studies, of at least two years duration, at an approved post-secondary institution in Canada.

The study will be financed by a \$19.8 million grant from the Foundation and up to \$4.5 million from the province. Recipients of the bursary may be asked to participate in follow-up studies designed to improve an understanding of the challenges facing students from family backgrounds traditionally under-represented in post-secondary education and the effectiveness of different forms of student financial assistance.

"Our government, through the foundation, is proud to be investing in students who are met with special challenges in accessing education," said Diane Finley, minister of Human Resources and Social Development Canada.

"This bursary will make a real difference in the lives of rural, Albertan students."

Students who apply for the Alberta Student Assistance Program will be considered for the bursary after completing the appropriate schedule on their application. Recipients who are eligible can receive the bursary more than once during the course of their post-secondary education.

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the volunteer Energize Advisory Committee from the nominations received.

The awards are sponsored by Alberta Community Development and the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation. They are presented at Energize, the recreation and parks community's annual conference, which is held together with the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association conference. The event provides a forum to exchange ideas and knowledge related to recreation development and its contribution to healthy communities.

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Art show added to Canada Day lineup

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Plans for Elk Point's Canada Day celebrations are coming together, with a visual arts show as one of the newest additions to the program lineup.

Cecilia DeSilva has volunteered to set up a visual arts show and sale in the former Red Fox building, which will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She is currently contacting local artists to invite them to display their work.

Food is always a part of the celebration, with the Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast going from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the Order of Royal Purple confirming that they will provide the usual Canada Day cake, and the Christian Community Church's pie booth and the Elk Point Skating Club's arena concession confirmed.

Elk Point Elks Lodge is planning a beer garden and supper from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs of the Elks Hall, while children's activities, accompanied by hot dogs and pop, will be downstairs from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Entertainment for the day will once again include the parade, followed by the outdoor stage show, and other afternoon events still to be confirmed. The Farm Survival competition which was held for the first time last year, is back on the program, with Dave Pilisko and Laverne Wilson busy think-

ing up new strategies for the event, which has been scheduled from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the Doc Walker concert, with Country Fyre as the opening act. Tickets are still available at various local outlets for the concert, which is sponsored by the Elk Point and District

Support Council as a fundraiser toward new playground equipment for the Elk Point Elementary School.

Fireworks will wind up the July 1 celebration at 11:00 p.m. on Canada Day.

Watch for a further update on Canada Day activities as more events are confirmed.

Goodtime Train here Father's Day

Contrary to last week's report, Alex Mahé's Goodtime Train performance is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, not June 10, as stated at that time.

The concert venue is the Alberta Centennial stage north of A. G. Ross Arena, with the Elk Point Elementary School as an alternate location in case of inclement weather. Please bring lawn chairs to the outdoor event as seating is limited. Tickets are available on site for the event.

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EDITORIAL

Generous to an astounding degree

Elk Point has outdone themselves once again. Over the past seven years, our small community has raised more than \$100,000 in support for STARS air ambulance through the Elk Point Emergency Services golf tournaments. This event is much more than a legitimate reason to take the day off from work to play 18 holes of golf and eat big, juicy steaks. It's a way to ensure that this vital service, which has visited Elk Point many times over those seven years, can continue to help save lives. Businesses contribute to the event by entering the tournament, by making large and small cash donations, by donating door prizes and silent auction items. Service clubs and other organizations get in the act, too, volunteering their time and making donations toward the worthy cause. In more recent years, other fundraisers have been held to add to the total, such as last Wednesday's pancake breakfast hosted by the Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters, and the raffle and subsequent auction for seats on a helicopter ride. Every toonie and every \$5 helps. Congratulations, Elk Point. This is a massive milestone, and so many businesses and individuals helped these tireless Emergency Service volunteers to reach it.

Way Back When...

Bridge, ball banner and bicyclists

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13 IN...

1986

Minister of Public Works Ernie Isley and MLA John Drobot made the big snip to officially open the new Elk Point bridge across the North Saskatchewan River. Leanne Drobot showed the grand champion steer and Lyle Yuschyshyn the grand champion heifer at Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's achievement day, with Megan McCuaig and Brian Ference showing the reserves.

1991

Former Chamber members Irene Magnusson and Ron Barwick were special guests at the Seniors' Week Chamber of Commerce meeting, where Ron Johnson of Amoco announced that restructuring of the company would see district offices replaced with operating centres, one of them in the Elk Point area. Lily Thomson and C.J. Best showed the grand and reserve champions at Heinsburg's 4-H Beef achievement day.

1996

F.G. Miller Crusaders brought home the St. Paul Athletic Association Junior Boys Fastball banner after a 15-6 trouncing of Glen Avon Panther, while the junior girls lost to GA in a hard-fought final. The Chamber went back to two meetings a month after a tree-month trial of holding only one meeting monthly, and agreed to continue to meet during the summer instead of having the traditional summer recess.

2001

Michelle Leckie showed the grand champion steer at Elk Point 4-H Multi Club achievement day, and Nicole Havener both the reserve champion steer and supreme champion female, while Nicholas Zapesocki showed the reserve champion female. Alberta TrailNet representatives were on hand with their bicycles to join covered wagons, horseback riders, ATV enthusiasts and hikers for Heinsburg Community Club's first-ever trail ride on the Iron Horse Trail.



GUEST COLUMN

Fathers are the greatest!

This coming Sunday, June 18, is Father's Day. When did a special day for fathers start? Actually, it was in 1910 when Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd was in church in Spokane, Washington listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church. The sermon Mrs. Dodd was listening to was focusing on the virtues of mothers, and the sacrifices they made to provide love and care for their families. As she listened, she thought of her own mother, who had died in childbirth years before. But she couldn't help but think of the sacrifices her father had to make, too, in the absence of her mother. When her mother died suddenly, her father had been left with her five brothers and herself - quite a handful, even for two parents. Mrs. Dodd's father, William Jackson Smart, was Civil War veteran. After the passing of his wife, he raised his six children on a farm in eastern Washington. So Sonora Smart Dodd decided to honour her father in the same way she honoured her mother on Mother's Day. She didn't have the same vision of a national holiday as did her counterpart who created Mother's Day - she just wanted a local gathering. But really the seed had been planted, and it didn't take long to grow. There was an interest. But, it took 62 years after its seed was planted for the idea of a national Father's Day observance to be instituted by Congress. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon officially established Father's Day, to be celebrated on the third Sunday of June.

Speaking of fathers, I am reminded of a story that illustrates what fathers do just because they follow their own inspiration to be the great people they are without really recognizing how important they are to all of us. The story



deanna EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

begins telling us about a poor Scottish farmer named Fleming when he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to it. There, mired up to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and trying to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the child from what could have been a slow and horrible death. On the following day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?"
"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.
"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education that my son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we will both be proud of." And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, he graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London University, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the man who discovered penicillin. Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill.

His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.
Wow - what a story! Just because two fathers did find something that they were inspired to do. Look at the repercussions of this story. You know, when you think about it, all of us could tell stories about the repercussions of something our dads did and how it affected us and our families. So, yes, we all would like to thank our great dads and say "Happy Father's Day, Dad!"

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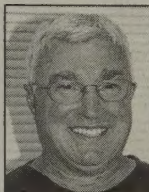
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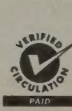
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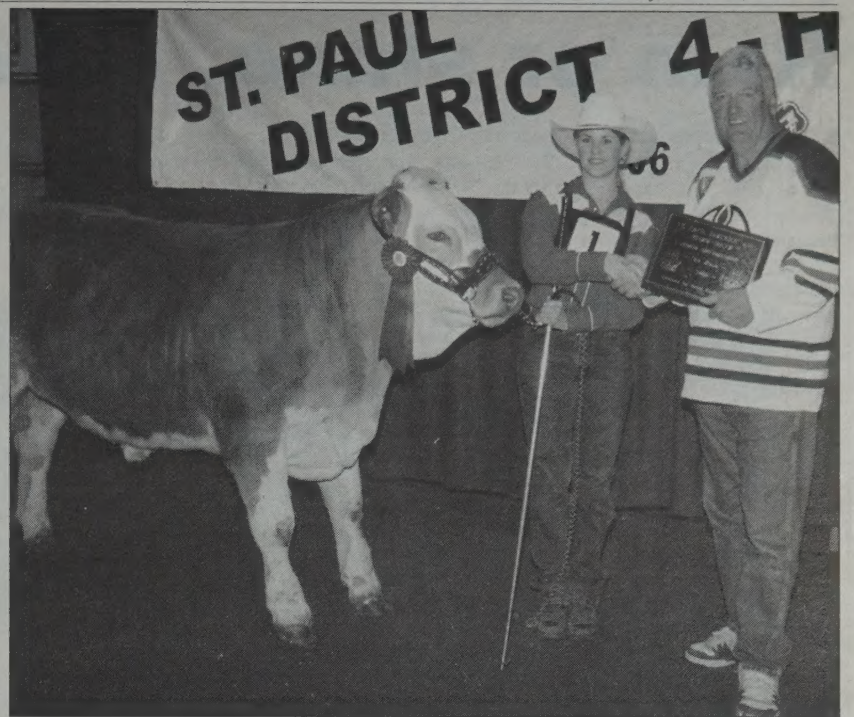
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Robyn Ockerman accepts the TD Canada Trust trophy from Marlene Malachowski for second place in Intermediate Showmanship at the St. Paul and District Inter-Club Show last Monday.



Vicki Brooker photos

Chelsea Schnurer accepts the Senior Showmanship trophy at the St. Paul and District Inter-Club Show from Douglas Lamb of Servus Credit Union. Chelsea also placed second in Senior Grooming for the Caouette and Sons trophy.

St. Lina 4-H member shows district grand champion steer

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

A 1304-pound steer showed by Marcel Feland, a junior member of the St. Lina 4-H Beef Club, was named the district grand champion by conformation judge Steve Cholak at last Monday's St. Paul and District 4-H Show and Sale. Feland received the Prairie Tech Oilfield Services banner and St. Paul District 4-H Council trophy for his steer, which later sold for \$2.65 per pound to ATB Financial.

The reserve champion was shown by Ian Brousseau of the St. Paul 4-H Multi Club, winning the Shamrock Valley Enterprises banner and County of St. Paul #19 trophy. The 1332-pound steer sold to Tri-Ag for \$2.55 per pound.

Third highest price was paid for one of the other 12 steers that competed in the parade of champions. Elk Point's grand champion, shown by Taylor Legault, sold for \$2.50 to ATB Financial. A total of 74 steers went through the ring for an average price of \$1.62 a pound, significantly higher than the 2005 average of \$1.38 per pound on 104 head.

The Feland, Brousseau and Legault steers competed against animals shown by Chelsea Schnurer of Elk Point, Larissa Lupul, Stephanie Poulin, Anne Caouette and Miquel Corbiere of St. Paul, Danica Dallaire, Jared Dechaine, Megan Dechaine, Monique Feland, Eric Gilbault and Nicole Dechaine of St. Lina, all of whom were selected during the weight class judging rounds.

Grooming and showmanship finalists were also selected during the earlier

rounds, and came back into the ring for further judging.

Grooming winners selected by judge Lisa Murphy, with trophy donors in brackets, were: Junior: 1. Denis Mathiot, Goodridge (Farm Credit Canada), 2. Chad Michaud, St. Lina (Century 21 Poirier Realty); Intermediate: 1. Lianne Dallaire, St. Lina (Lakeland Family Eyecare), 2. Ian Brousseau (Fountain Tire); Senior: 1. Ashlyn Krochmal, St. Lina (Smyl Motors), 2. Chelsea Schnurer (Caouette & Sons).

Showmanship awards determined by judge Dustin Dinwoody went to: Junior: 1. Ryan Corbiere, St. Lina (Agland), 2. Larissa Lupul (Treasury Branch, St. Paul); Intermediate: 1. Lianne Dallaire (Terry Holmgren), 2. Robyn Ockerman, Elk Point (TD Canada Trust, St. Paul); Senior: 1. Chelsea Schnurer (Servus Credit Union, St. Paul), 2. Ashlyn Krochmal (Treasury Branch, St. Paul).

Francois Dechaine of St. Lina showed this year's Rate of Gain winner, gaining 3.55 pounds per day for the Master Feeds trophy.

This year's Club Display award, donated by St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Association, was presented to the St. Paul club, while the Stall Display winners from St. Lina accepted the Unifeed Ltd. award. Terry Holmgren and a mystery judge determined the winners.

St. Lina also displayed the top Pen of Five for the award from TD Canada Trust, St. Paul, with the pen made up of steers shown by Lee Michaud, Bradley Smyl, Francois Dechaine, Samantha Dechaine and Ashlyn Krochmal.

The 4-H members had their own turn at judging, on both club and individual basis, with Chris Boorse and Sharon Boorse tallying the judging cards. Club judging winners were Danica Dallaire, Nicole Dechaine, Dylan Corbiere, Jocelyn Dechaine, Jenna Dechaine and Francois Dechaine of St. Lina, with the Goodridge team taking second place. Awards were sponsored by Lakeland Agro and Wozniak Fuel Sales, Elk Point.

Individual judging awards from the Elite

Theatre and Sunshine Video went to juniors Jared Dechaine, first, and Brian Gilbault, St. Lina, second; intermediates Kaylyn Corbiere, St. Lina, first, and Anne Caouette, second; and seniors Ashlyn Krochmal, first, and Derrick Plante, St. Paul, second.

Mistresses of ceremonies for the show were Michelle Dallaire and Angele Lamontagne. Dennis Kotowich and Dwayne Vogel were the ringmasters, while the sale was conducted by Mark and Andy Jubinville, of Western Pride

Auction Co. with bid takers from St. Paul Auction Mart.

The final calf to be sold was the District Calf, from which proceeds go toward district 4-H activities. This year's calf was fed by the St. Lina club, with Marc and Roberta Dallaire donating both the calf and feed.

This year's STARS calf was donated by Nigel and Kandus Lafrance of Tags Food and Gas and K & N Liquor, Elk Point, raised by Wyatt Heathcote of Elk Point, with feed donated by Diane and Don Heathcote, slaughter donated by

Vermilion Packers and cutting and wrapping by Elk Point Co-op. All four clubs sold tickets on the animal, with a total of \$7,500 raised for STARS. Lea Buryn, who won a half of the animal, donated it back to be auctioned off, with Xtreme Oilfield purchasing the beef for \$800, which will also go to STARS. Keith Bombay and Olga Ockerman won the remaining quarters of beef. This is the fifth year that a calf has been raised and raffled to raise donations for STARS.

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Rain or shine, FGM has fun to boot!

By DENISE BJORKMAN
F.G. Miller High School

The first ever Car Boot Sale in Elk Point was a tremendous success. Even though we didn't sell out of the backs of our cars (we just didn't know if the weather was going to cooperate!), it was an awesome day filled with friends visiting over popcorn, cotton candy and refreshments and taking home deals from the car boot tables we had.

All the proceeds (\$247.74) have been earmarked for our new library

concept, Café Read-a-Lot. This concept will give our library a 'Chapters'-like feel. Students will be able to recreational read, do homework and study in a room that feels warm and inviting, like sitting with a new book in Chapters and drinking a hot beverage from Starbucks. Students will be able to choose from a spot at our 'Book Bar' or one of our cozy, wing-back chair 'Book Nooks'. We are looking forward to developing this concept in the 2006-2007 school year.

To date we have made \$103.00 at our bake sale and \$275 from our Matchmaker fundraiser, plus the Car Boot money! We could not have done it without community support, and for that, we are very grateful. So, watch for more events to support Café Read-a-Lot in the fall.

We did want to acknowledge the community stalls from our Car Boot Sale and hope that they will return with friends for next year's sale. They were: Lillian Laboucane, TOPS,

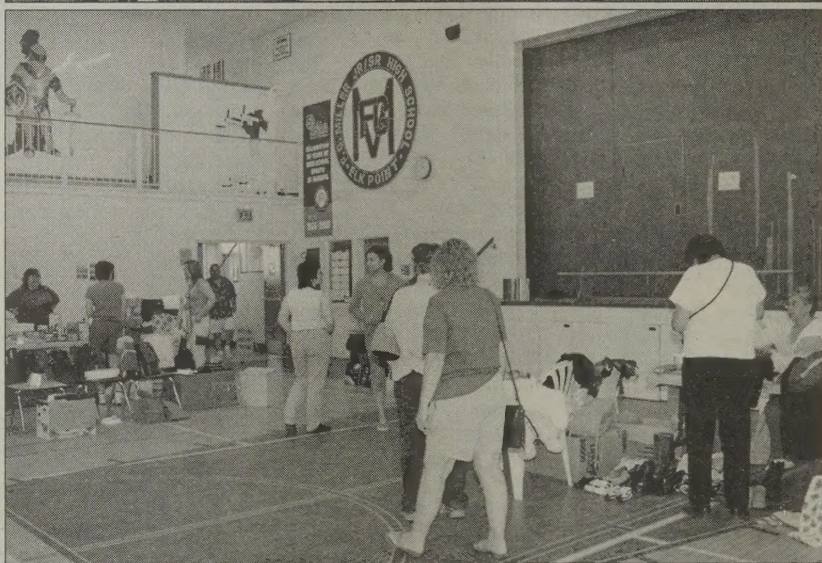
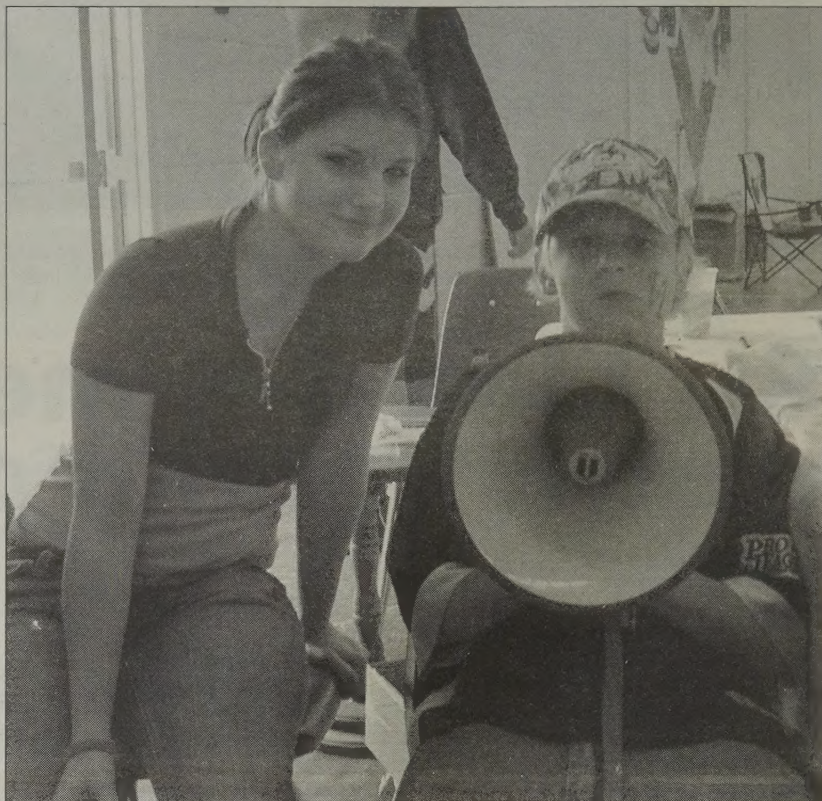
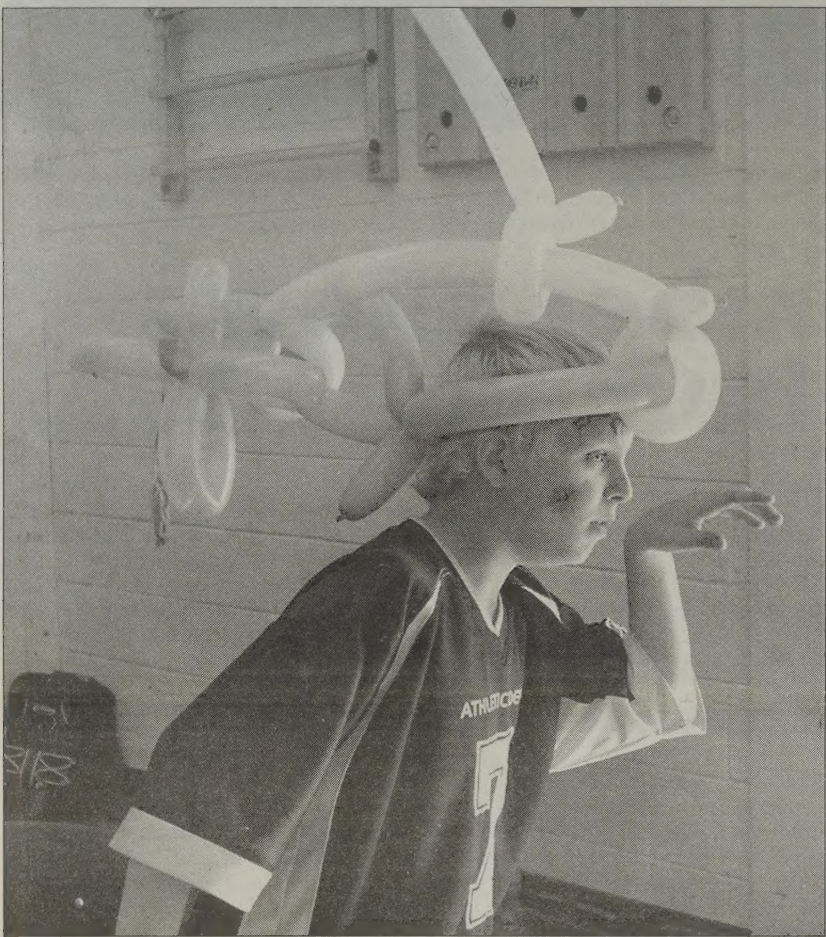
Kim Reed, Carol Lee, Sandie Bishop, Juanita Buck, Colin Bjorkman and our School table. There are so many people who made the day a success: our students who volunteered for our school table (Kaitlin Orr, Colin Trainor, Mike Czerkowski, and Melissa Frisby), our other students who donated time and product, Caitlin Brooks (bake sale coordinator), Megan Bresky (friendship brace-

lets) and Lindon Nelson who volunteered his time and energy to making popcorn and cotton candy at the Co-op on Friday, June 2.

We would also like to acknowledge the community spirit of the Elk Point Co-op. This friendly group of individuals made us feel right at home. Members of their team set us up in the back to make popcorn and cotton candy and taught us how to operate both

machines. All materials were donated by the Co-op and the sale of the 50 bags of popcorn and 50 bags of cotton candy certainly added to the success and fun spirit of the day. It was great being a part of their team for the evening!

All in all, it was a wonderful event with a terrific group of people. Community spirit is alive in both our school and in our community! You are great!



Denise Bjorkman photos

Melissa Frisby (top right photo) and Colin Trainor (both top photos) from the Students' Union keep our customers happy with balloon animals, face painting and sales. Colin even ventured downtown with the bull-horn to tell shoppers about the Car Boot Sale.

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Sox on the road next weekend

"Let's go, Oilers! Let's go, Oilers!" As of press time (Sunday night) the Oilers were only down by one game. I'm hoping they did it to Doug Weight and the Hurricanes again last night and evened up the series.

The Sox had this past weekend off, but will be hitting the road this next weekend, off to Edmonton for the next round of provincial play, playing against the Edmonton Warriors, Fort St. John and Dawson Creek. Fort St. John and Dawson Creek, are you sure? Yes, you read it right, but at least we're meeting them part way. I'd hate to be the guy who has to do the schedule for this league; it must be a nightmare trying to please everyone.

Down in the minors this past week in Peewee boys' action, Myles Yarmuch and

Travis Houle both doing an excellent job of pitching against Cold Lake on Tuesday night. And the Bantam girls were winning Monday night over Pierceland with Laryssa

Cochrane throwing some great heat, right up until the wind and rain decided to end the game.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week: "I'm glad to hear of their coming, but they will have to wait a few minutes till I get my

turn at bat." Last week's answer to: "Games played with the ball, and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character on the mind." -Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Peter Carr, August 19, 1785.

Do you have any scoops? Please email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com



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Review Sports



Doug Bassett photo

Zoey Kinjerski was one of 18 young women selected in a try out camp held in Lloydminster on May 13 and 14 to the Alberta Summer Games bantam girls' fastball team representing zone 7. There will be eight zones competing in Red Deer at the Alberta Summer Games held in July 27 to 30.

CPCA wagons scheduled to run in Dewberry this weekend

Jim Knight and the Border City Oilmen rig, backed up by Dustin Gorst and Garrett Wyness raced to victory in Cold Lake when the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association came to the Silver Buckle Stampede this weekend, recording top times in each of the three nights of racing.

Wayne Night and the R & L Trucking rig placed second, with Brian Laboucane and the Lake City Motor Products third for the weekend.

Shane Nolin was the aggregate winner in Little Pine the previous weekend, although the top times for the three nights were recorded by Ray Mitusing, Todd Baptiste and Vern Nolin.

The CPCA's first scheduled show, in Melfort, SK, was cancelled.

The top 10 drivers after Little Pine and

Cold Lake are: 1. Jim Knight, 2. Shane Nolin, 3. Gary Gorst, 4. Vern Nolin, 5. Wayne Knight, 6. Ray Mitusing, 7. Brian Laboucane, 8. Tim Haraldson, 9. Ross Knight, 10. Bruce Morin

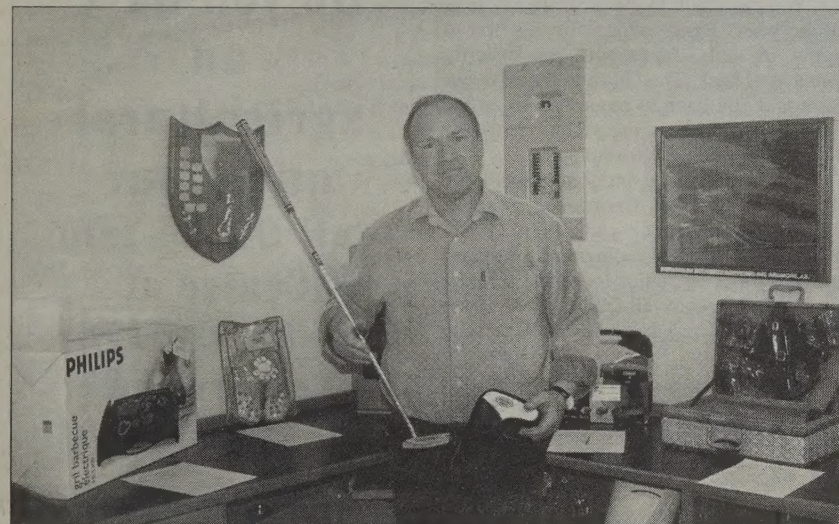
This week, the CPCA wagons will race in Dewberry.

WPCA Highlights

The World Professional Chuckwagons were not so lucky this weekend. Their show in Medicine Hat was postponed due to inclement weather and unsafe track conditions.

Neal Walgenbach and the Super 8 Motel outfit, won the Grande Prairie Stampede in the WPCA's first show of the 2006 season, May 31 to June 4.

This weekend, the WPCA is Lethbridge at the Rocky Mountain Turf Club Derby.



Vicki Brooker photo

Tournament organizer Jonny Nielsen displays the classy putter put up for bids by the Elk Point and District Lions Club as part of the silent auction at Saturday's Night Golf tournament.

Lions host Night Golf

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Golf, hockey, good food and fun added up to one great evening on Saturday when Elk Point and District Lions Club hosted their annual Night Golf.

Organizer Jonny Nielsen said hockey became part of the lineup when the tournament's date coincided with one of the Edmonton Oilers - Atlanta Hurricanes Stanley Cup finals games, which were only a vague possibility at the time the tournament date was set.

When the Lions found out their chosen date was also the date of a playoff game, they decided this was an opportunity to try something new.

would want to stay home and watch the game, so we decided to invite people to come early for a round of golf, then supper and the hockey game, and then the night golf after the game was over."

Around 40 people registered for the tournament, which featured a number of prizes. No one claimed the Hole in One prize, but closest did count this time around. Lori Nelson won the Ladies' Closest to the Pin prize, while the Men's went to Brian Youngchief and the Juniors' to Josh Gadowski.

Richard Lameman won the putting competition which was also part of the lineup.

Funds raised at the tour-

namment will go to various Lions projects within the community. The Lions are involved in many aspects of the community, from school awards to Canada Day activities.

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Connecting with an affordable labour pool difficult for rural agripreneurs

Are good, affordable workers just out of reach? Many rural agripreneurs feel they could double, triple or quadruple their business if they could access additional labour. Market demand is growing, sometimes faster than business resources. Labour is the biggest challenge to the growth of the farm direct industry. On-farm marketers across the province are implementing creative solutions to meet their labour needs.

"The best way to find good employees is to say you need them," says Susan Meyer of The Berry Basket in Clairmont. "Talk to everyone - even if you don't know them. Tell your business story and include the basic details of the job: type of work, duration, hours/day, and wage. Most people know someone who would fit your operation."

Networking can help identify hidden leads, so make everyone a business advocate. Make it personal, and ask each contact to send referrals.

Consider contacting:

■ 4-H or church group leaders

■ Local high schools, colleges and universities. Teachers, teacher/librarians, apprentice instructors and guidance counsellors can provide great referrals. Target the right age group and skill set. Work with the high school or college to set up a work experience credit program.

■ Past employees. Send a note with T-4 slips reminding them to call in March and refer a friend. Be clear to them that the business is looking for friends who are good workers, too.

■ Hire-A-Student or employment agencies. Be sure to specify requirements. If transportation is needed, be sure to mention it.

■ Farmers' market managers. They can

be a wealth of information, and past vendors make great employees.

■ Community futures and youth entrepreneurship program offices are often full of grads who have the drive, the skills and the knowledge needed.

■ Volunteer agencies and community groups.

■ Commodity and business associations, and ag societies. Talking up business and employment opportunities at association meetings can reap rewards.

"Local businesses looking for employees may want to make connections with older members of the community," says Karen Goad, farm direct marketing specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Grande Prairie. "Be sure to check out the curling rink, hockey arena, the co-op or wherever retired farmers gather for coffee. Put notices in the post office or community hall bulletin boards. Talk to community hall caterers as they often know everyone in the community. Or try something as obvious as running a classified ad in the local newspaper."

There are some available programs that can help cover some of the cost of hiring employees. Every year Jerry Kitt, First Nature Farms, pays a nominal fee to be listed in the World Wide Opportunities On Organic Farms (WWOOF) catalogue. He comments that he gets up to 15 great volunteers working on his organic farm southwest of Beaverlodge every year.

"They come at all times of the year," says Kitt. "Some help out for a couple of days while others stay six to eight months. We treat our WWOOFers as part of the family. Our days are usually spent working with the WWOOFers, teaching them about raising livestock organically and as many farm

skills as they're willing to learn. We get together for lunch and supper, and try to involve our helpers in as many cultural events as possible. We take them fishing, to movies, concerts, shopping to 'cowboy stores', cross-country skiing or hiking, whatever is happening."

Anita McDonald of Kuhlmann's Market Garden and Greenhouses in Edmonton and Blaine Staples of the Jungle near Innisfail, use the federal Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP) to fill their seasonal labour needs. Sponsored by Human Resource Development Canada, this program helps Alberta's agricultural employers sponsor Mexican employees.

"The program is great," states McDonald. "Its flexible timing meets our business needs. The Mexican workers we've hired are hard workers. They return to our farm because we can give them lots of hours."

"You can apply to the program any time of the year," Blaine adds. "But it's best to apply in early January to get specific employees back. They have to request your farm and you have to request them on the application." This is the second year The Jungle has used SAWP employees.

Several provincial programs, including the Veterinary Work Experience, Summer Farm Employment and Agricultural Processing Industry Employment programs, provide wage assistance for hiring summer youth employees. Availability of the vet and ag processing programs is announced in March while the Summer Farm program announcement comes in May each year, pending funding. For further information on these programs or to receive notice of program renewal and application information, call Julie Splawinski at (780) 427-4187,

toll-free by dialling 310-0000 first.

The Alberta Food Processing Association (AFPA) offers a variety of employment services for the food processing industry including listing available positions, matching job-seekers and employers, and funding employee skill development. They define a food processor as any company that substantially changes an agricultural raw material into a value added product through physical change. The product must enter into the normal distribution channels rather than exclusively to retail sales in the processing establishment.

The AFPA labour support page is on their website.

"Start checking untapped labour pools by making connections. And, be sure to train staff thoroughly once they are hired," says Goad.

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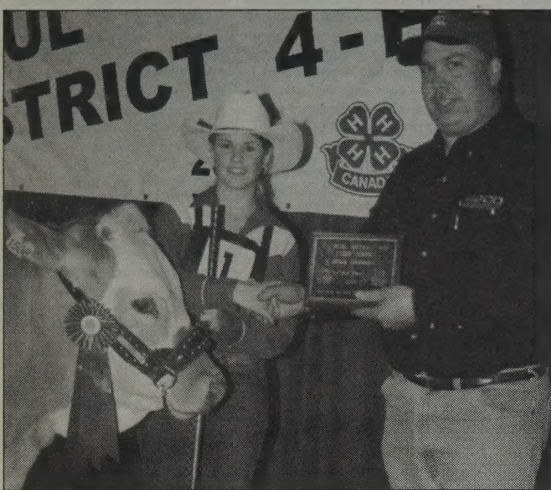
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What's new @ the library

BY LIBRARY STAFF

Several new books and magazines have recently arrived at Elk Point Public Library. These include **Memoirs of a Geisha** by Arthur Golden, **Every**

Good grooming

Chelsea Schnurer accepted the second prize in Senior Grooming from Yvon Caouette of Paul Caouette and Sons at the District 4-H Show.

Breath You Take by best-selling author Judith McNaught and **Natural Cures "They" Don't Want You to Know About** by Kevin Trudeau.

Some new junior books include **Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen, winner of the Newberry award; **The Ruby in the Smoke** by Philip Pullman, author of the best-selling novel *The Golden Compass*; **The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid** and **A Fabu-**

mouse Vacation for **Geronimo**, part of the popular *Geronimo Stilton* series; **Playing for Keeps** by Lauren Brooke, the latest book in the Chestnut Hill series; **Princess Charming** and **Beauty is a Beast**, both part of the *Princess School* series; and **Camp Confidential: Natalie's Secret** by Melissa J. Morgan.

Our new magazines include *Canadian Scrapbooker*, *Alive* (Canada's

Natural Health Magazine) and *Everyday Food*.

We would like to remind you that we have a number of books and magazines for sale, and also that donations of paperback books as well as videos are greatly appreciated.

Finally, thanks to all who attended the Seniors' Tea out at Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site last Tuesday. Unfortunately, our pictures did not turn out because of camera problems. This is the final tea of this season. We'll see you again in September.

Thank You

THANK YOU

To all the relatives and friends, who celebrated our

50th Wedding Anniversary

with us and for the cards and gifts.

Cliff & Pat Swedgan

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WTO agriculture negotiations: fighting for a fair deal

By **CHUCK STRAHL**,
Minister of Agriculture
and Agri-food and
Minister for the
Canadian Wheat
Board

The fact that Canada is the world's fourth-largest agricultural exporter is one very good reason why getting a new global agreement on agricultural trade is so vital to Canadians. Not just

for Canada's farmers, but for all Canadians.

In 2005, Canada's agricultural exports amounted to \$26.2 billion. That's very good, but we could do even better if the Member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) find a way of dismantling some of the most formidable barriers to agricultural trade, creating a more level playing field for everyone.

Any final agreement must address huge U.S. and European subsidies that distort the marketplace. It should also offer more access to all national markets. Significant changes in these areas would be of immense benefit to poorer countries. But they would be of great benefit to Canadian producers and processors as well. We have a sector that is diverse and strong, and that quite naturally represents a range of

opportunities.

Progress in the WTO negotiations has been slow and difficult. International negotiations, by their nature, are about give-and-take. All countries like taking, but no country likes giving very much.

Canada is not alone in this circumstance. Beyond our borders, not one of the countries involved in these negotiations is going to get exactly what it wants. If an agreement is to be achieved, all countries are going to have to work collaboratively.

Canada is doing everything in its power at the negotiating table to get the best possible deal for Canada and all Canadian farmers. The truth is, we are facing significant pressure, but the Government has strongly supported Canada's supply management system, and we will

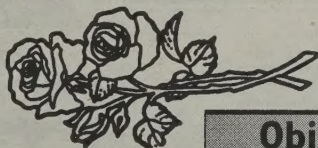
continue to stand in support of this system. Supply management is Canada's choice; and it continues to be a successful choice for Canada's dairy, poultry and egg producers. It is a system that works for us. We also continue to press for real and significant improvements to market access for our exporters.

Some critics would have us walk away if we can't write this agreement in our own words. The reality is, though, that we cannot boycott a WTO deal without turning our backs on the WTO itself, as that would put Canada—a nation with an enormous stake in the multilateral trading system—and our farmers, at a profound disadvantage in the international marketplace.

We are a trading nation. Canada's active participation at the WTO is funda-

mental to achieving greater prosperity for our agriculture sector and for our country. Our participation is fundamental to ensuring that global agricultural trade is governed by a fair and effective, rules-based framework. Without rules that are fairer than they are now, big countries inevitably end up bullying smaller countries, and just as important, the extraordinary potential of agricultural sectors like Canada's cannot be maximized.

Canada needs a deal at the WTO—one that is fair and ambitious, and which supports rather than hinders a successful future for our agriculture sector. Minister Emerson and I plan to be at the meeting of Ministers at the WTO in Geneva at the end of June, backed up by our industry and provincial colleagues, to push for such a deal.



Obituary

DIESEL, Clyde Jefferson (C.J.)

On June 8, 2006, Clyde Jefferson (C.J.) Diesel of Derwent passed away suddenly at the age of 46 years.

He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Lara; his daughter, Andrea Raine; his loving parents, Clyde & Mary Diesel of Lac La Biche; 4 sisters & 3 brothers, Ellen (Lawrence) Diesel of Edson, Cindy (Gerry) Fedechko of Derwent, Anna (Robert) Schaap & Randy (Brenda) Diesel all of Elk Point, Brad (Lisa) Diesel & Glen (Jackie) Diesel all of Plamondon & Gladys (Joe) Diesel of Elk Point; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles & cousins; his in-laws, Harry (Pat) Schewel & Natalie (Ron) Sinotte all of Orillia, Ontario; grandparents, Michael Shewell II of London, Ontario & Michael A. & Katherine Schewel of Orillia, Ontario; also many friends & colleagues. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Metro & Nancy Skyrpan & Louis & Gladys Diesel.

Memorial Service Thursday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Elks Hall, Elk Point with Reverend Sam Donaldson officiating. Cremation has taken place. If desired donations may be made to the Andrea Raine Diesel Trust Fund (T.D. Bank, Elk Point) c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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Announcement

Wedding Announcement



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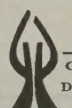
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Seeding dates for swath grazing

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Alberta is experiencing a nice, open spring. Many producers are finishing up grain and oilseed planting and others are starting to think about seeding swath grazing sites. Questions and concerns at this time are mostly about the best time to seed swath grazing crops.

"Several studies across Alberta and Saskatchewan tend to tell the same story," says Mark Johns, forage specialist with Alberta Ag-

riculture, Food and Rural Development's Ag-Info Centre, Stettler. "The later swath grazing crops are seeded, the less yield there will be. The late-June to early-July plantings can miss several weeks of the best growing conditions, and can result in yields that are about two-thirds of a May-seeded crop. That translates to a loss of approximately one ton per acre."

Many barley varieties need approximately 1250 growing-degree-days (GDD - 0°C base temperature) to reach the soft dough stage. Based on the average temperature values for the Red Deer area, for instance, 1250 GDD is roughly the heat accumulation between the end of June and the

end of September. Late seeding runs the risk of a hard frost before the crop is at the soft dough stage.

"If the planting date is backed up to the middle of June, the 1250 GDD mark will be approached by the middle of September," says Johns. "While producers may consider seeding even earlier, they must remember that an early-seeded and early-harvested crop can have more weathering and mould growth. This is true especially if August is cold and wet, as it was last year. If the crop is cut during first few weeks of September, the cooler temperatures reduce the amount of quality loss and mould growth in the swath, particularly those mould

varieties that can be harmful to cows."

Another penalty for seeding too late (aside from the big yield losses) can be a higher accumulation of nitrates in the crop, particularly July seeded oats. Based on conversations with producers last fall, this was very common in 2005. While the base levels for nitrate toxicity are likely a little too conservative when applied to swath grazing, there are so many variables that test results must be taken seriously at least until they have been discussed with a vet or nutritionist.

"Less likely, but still a factor to consider, is the effect that light frosts and near freezing temperatures can have on the mineral content of

plant tissue," adds Johns. "Cold stress on immature plants, followed by a few days of decent growing weather, can cause plant potassium levels to increase while sodium, calcium and magnesium tend to drop. From a cow's dietary point of view, this can be less than ideal. In some extreme cases it may result in winter tetany."

When it comes to seeding a swath grazing crop, ideally, plant early enough to take advantage of spring moisture, but late enough to be swathing the crop just before the killing frosts of fall. To have the best combination of yield and quality, barley and triticale should be swathed in the early dough stage, while oats

must be cut in the milk stage.

The Western Forage /Beef Group at Lacombe has been actively researching the best seeding windows for swath grazing crops. While it is too early to provide specific dates, there are some guidelines that can be followed. Forage and pasture agronomist, Arvid Aasen provides the following advice for central Alberta producers, "In most cases, barley could be seeded by the middle of June. Triticale, oats, and oat /barley mixtures would be okay seeded as early as the first week of June."

For further information or for answers to swath grazing questions, call the Ag-Info Centre toll-free at 310-FARM.

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Grazing annual forages - frequently asked questions

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MORE POPULAR ANNUALS AND WINTER ANNUALS USED FOR GRAZING?

The winter annuals used for grazing are fall rye, winter wheat & winter triticale. The more common annuals are oats and barley. On occasion, heels of seed left over from seeding, are mixed and seeded for grazing. In this case almost anything can make it into the mix for grazing, wheat, peas, canola, etc.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROS AND CONS OF SOME OF THE DIFFERENT ANNUALS USED FOR GRAZING?

Of the winter cereals fall rye has the advantage of having a higher winter sur-

vival rate. Fall rye will provide early spring grazing the second year more often than less winter hardy winter cereal. Spring cereals, in the year of seeding, will actually produce more top growth, more quickly, than the winter cereals.

WHAT ARE THE FERTILIZER REQUIREMENTS?

Increasing the fertilizer rates by 25% is a pretty safe rule of thumb to follow. The rational for increased fertilizer requirements can be explained a couple of ways. First, the growing season is extended. It is extended from a crop ripening in Aug. to a crop that continues to grow well into the fall. Another consideration is the potential for improved water use efficiency. More of

the moisture received during the growing season can be used for growth, assuming the plants are in a green, vegetative state throughout the growing season. This increased potential for growth, from the same amount of rainfall, will require additional nutrients for additional growth.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER CROP CONSIDERATIONS FOR GRAZING ANNUAL FORAGES?

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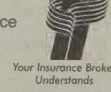
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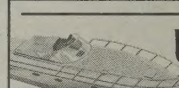
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